



Aruba welcomes back their windsurfing champs!

Arriving back from the Starboard Prokids Freestyle Windsurfing Championships in Bonaire, Aruba's youth team, lead by first place Women's Champion Sarah-Quita Offringa were laden with trophies after delivering what their coaches consider "stellar performances."

The competitions took place from August 1 to 5, and this year welcomed a record number of participants. Sarah-Quita, who is the second ranked women's freestyle champion of the Professional Windsurfing Association (PWA,) returns to Aruba after six weeks of competing first in the Canary Islands of Spain, and then directly to the Prokids championships in Bonaire. This year, the dynamic sixteen-year-old kept her title of Women's Freestyle World Sub-Champion after giving PWA #1 ranked Daida Moreno some stiff competition, and being tied for first place until the final PWA event in Fuerteventura. Sarah's mother Esther reports, "Sarah was exhausted after competing ten days in the Slalom events, a first time for her, and she finished in fourth place, which we are very happy about. After the physical demands of the slalom races, the wind died down to practically nothing and that also hampers Sarah-Quita's performance in freestyle."

After five weeks of competing on the PWA circuit, Sarah-Quita and her brother Quincy went directly to Bonaire to join the rest of the Aruba's young windsurfing team for the Prokids competitions. Sarah-Quita took first place in her division and the trophy for "Queen of the Prokids" and Quincy earned a trophy for third place in the Amateur Men division.

Other Aruban athletes to bring home trophies were Philip Kervel, who is doing very well for his first year in competition with a third place trophy from Bonaire in the division for Boys ages 15-16, and also won a first place trophy at the Aruba Hi-Winds in July. Brothers Nic and Mack Dylan v/d Eerenbeemt, sons of the windsurfing legend J.P, took second and third place in their divisions, and Alima Lageveen won third place in the "Baby Kids" division ages 0-7. In Bonaire, they start windsurfing from an early age!